CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California 93407
ACADEMIC SENATE

MINUTES OF THE ACADEMIC SENATE
Tuesday, April 10 2012
UU 220, 3:10 to 5:00pm

I. Minutes: The minutes of the February 18 and March 6 2012 Academic Senate meetings were approved as presented.

II. Communication(s) and Announcement(s): none.

III. Reports:
   A. Academic Senate Chair: (Fernflores) The Chair introduced Kevin Bontenbal, President of Cuesta College Academic Senate. Chair Bontenbal will be discussing the accreditation process currently underway at Cuesta College later in the meeting. The report on prevention of sexual assault was submitted to President Armstrong on February 15. Vice President Allen has been working on its recommendations and some changes have already been instituted. The report is available at http://studentaffairs.calpoly.edu/content/sexual-assault-recommendations.
   
   B. President’s Office: (Kinsley) On Friday, April 27, 9:00am to 12:00pm, the President’s Cabinet is meeting in open session with campus and community members to discuss learning technologies for enhancing student learning. The purpose of the open forum is to have mutual dialogue and present what we are doing at Cal Poly and how it relates to the greater world. More information on the President’s Cabinet meeting can be found at http://www.president.calpoly.edu/presidentscabinet. The proceedings will videoed and available to all.
   
   C. Provost: (Enz Finken) Provost Enz Finken provided information on current budget conditions. There is a lot of work to do in order to recognize what the best process will be for dealing with the budget shortfall and how best to support the colleges and other areas of campus. If “trigger” cuts are received midyear, plans have already been determined so that no further cuts to campus units will be necessary. The Provost thanked everyone involved in the WASC study, review, and visit. It went extremely well.
   
   D. Vice President for Student Affairs: (Allen) We are expecting a great Open House this year. The Open House Committee is preparing a contingency plan if it rains.
   
   E. Statewide Senate: (Foroohar) Two statewide resolutions on academic freedom were discussed. The earlier constitutional resolution—that all 23 campuses voted on—was not agendized by the Chancellor due to legal implications. A revised version was drafted by the statewide Senate and accepted. The modification will return to campuses in May and then forwarded to the Trustees for approval.
CFA Campus President: (Thomcroft) Next week the strike vote begins. CFA is drafting its response to Chancellor Reed’s email concerning negotiations. The last three rounds of fact-finding were in favor of CFA’s position; however, the Chancellor chose to do something different each time.

ASI Representative: none.

Consent Agenda: The following course was approved by consent: HIST 350, The Scientific Revolution, c1500-1800 (4), 4 lectures, GE 05.

Business Item(s):
A. Election of Senate officers for 2012-2013: Steve Rein was elected Chair by acclamation. Dustin Stegner was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.

B. Resolution on Shared Governance: first reading. This resolution has undergone a good deal of discussion. During the WASC self-study, shared governance was an issue identified as needing clarification. The resolution requires a two-thirds vote to pass and a faculty referendum to add the word “shared” to the preamble of the Constitution of the Faculty (“...and the collegial form of shared governance are based…”). Some added wording was suggested. The resolution will return for second reading with the added wording.

C. Resolution on For Profit Course Material Sites: first reading. Adrienne Miller, Director of Student Rights & Responsibilities, gave background information for this resolution. Several for-profit sites have been appearing on the internet which contain faculty members notes and exams used in their classes. Dr. Miller spends numerous hours tracking students who provide the materials to these sites and assisting faculty members to remove their materials. The resolution contains guidelines entitled “Suggestions to Protect Course Materials Which Faculty Maintain are Copyright Protected,” prepared by Al Liddicoat, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Personnel. Copyright information is available at http://lib.calpoly.edu/copyright.

Special Reports:
A. Kathleen Enz Finken, Provost; Kimi Ikeda, AVP for Systems and Resource Mgt; and Jim Maraviglia, AVP for Marketing and Enrollment Development: CSU Enrollment Planning and Management: Provost Enz Finken provided information on recent changes affecting student enrollment and management. The CSU will be imposing unit limits on students; however, exceptions are available. A large majority of Cal Poly students will qualify under these exceptions. Of 18,000 students, about 200-300 students do not meet the exceptions. At present, about 13% of our students carry over 16 units. The issue of enrollment management is a complex one. Financially, it may require more modeling options be available in order to determine what model is best for each individual campus.

B. Kevin Bontenbal, Academic Senate President of Cuesta College: Cuesta College accreditation process: Kevin Bontenbal, President of the Cuesta College Academic Senate, provided information on the accreditation review currently underway at Cuesta College. Cuesta is accredited by ACCJC, a branch of WASC. The college had its last comprehensive self-evaluation in 2008. In January 2009, the commission reviewed
Cuesta’s self-study and the visiting team report provided nine recommendations in areas it felt standards were not being met. Cuesta was put on warning status, which is the first level of sanction. Much work has been done to address those recommendations with three still to be fully addressed: planning and resource allocation, technology infrastructure and funding, and long-term debt issues (Cuesta has a $1.6 million interest liability per year). In January 2011, Cuesta was placed on “show cause,” the furthest point before losing accreditation. The college’s report will be submitted this October and a decision will be returned in January 2013. The likelihood of receiving full accreditation is low since there is not enough time to make all corrections before October. The problem is an insufficient institutional infrastructure. If accreditation is withheld, the state would not leave San Luis Obispo County without a community college. It’s possible that its administration could be placed under Hancock College.

VIII. Adjournment: 5:00pm

Submitted by,

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